

## Public Notice – Environmental Cleanup Plan

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and the Department of Conservation and Recreation announce a public meeting to develop a cleanup plan for the Dumps Creek watershed in Southwest Virginia. The agencies invite public participation and comments for the purpose of reducing pollutants to Dumps Creek.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** October 17 to November 17, 2005

**PUBLIC MEETING:** Cleveland Recreation Ball Park Facility in the Town of Cleveland, Virginia, on October 17, 2005 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**MEETING DESCRIPTION:** This is the first public meeting on development of a watershed cleanup plan.

**DESCRIPTION OF CLEANUP PLAN:** DEQ has developed a total maximum daily load, or a TMDL, for Dumps Creek, a contaminated stream in Russell County Virginia. A TMDL is the total amount of a pollutant a water body can contain and still meet water quality standards. The stream has sediment and total dissolved solids contamination which has harmed the aquatic life in the stream. To restore water quality, contamination levels need to be reduced to the TMDL amounts. The cleanup plan will define ways to reduce contamination.

Dumps Creek is located in Russell County and flows to the Clinch River between Carbo and Cleveland, Virginia. The stream was listed for violating the aquatic life use based on biological monitoring results that showed the bottom dwelling aquatic organisms did not represent a healthy stream. The TMDL study considered land uses in the entire 20,300 acre watershed.

**HOW TO COMMENT:** DEQ accepts written comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. Written comments should include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ during the comment period. DEQ also accepts written and oral comments at the public meeting announced in this notice. The TMDL report is available on the DEQ web site at [www.deq.virginia.gov](http://www.deq.virginia.gov). Additionally, information on implementation plans and how they are developed is also available at the DEQ website.

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